

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, which starts with "The present invention" with the following amended paragraph:

~~The present invention is an improvement on the inventor's previous patent having the same title. -- There are several improvements that are disclosed herein: -- A bracket was added on the axle of the baby-jogging cart to allow~~ The improved bicycle transporter disclosed herein includes a novel bracket attachable to the rear axle of a baby-jogging cart for holding the front wheel of a towed bicycle. With this bracket, the bicycle transporter can be used to tow more than one bicycle at a time to be held even if the bicycles are of different sizes. [[A]] In a second improvement, is that the handle of the jogging cart has been ~~was modified: so that it could~~ it can now be opened allowing access for to the towed bicycles' handlebars. Additionally, the handle grip was ~~has been~~ made sufficiently flexible to facilitate cornering of towed bicycles and movement of their rear wheels allow rear-wheel-movement over rough terrain. Increased stability on turns has also been provided by reducing the size of the wheels ~~The wheel of the jogging cart was reduced in size so as to allow for an adult-sized bike to be towed and this modification increased stability on turns.~~

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 18, which starts with "The object of this invention" with the following amended paragraph:

The object of this invention is to provide an apparatus for transporting at least one bicycle behind another bicycle. Such an apparatus is particularly useful for occasions in which one bicyclist wishes to travel a shorter distance or take only a one-way trip and her partner is willing to assume the responsibility for towing her bicycle for the rest of the trip. For example, an adult can use the apparatus to take children to school carrying their backpacks in a suitable passenger compartment and then return home, towing their empty bikes.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 4, which starts with "A further object" with the following amended paragraph:

A further object of the present invention is to provide a pedal-powered bicycle transporter which can be used even if the child's bicycle has training wheels, thereby allowing it to serve for a long time as a tool to motivate both the adult and child to enjoy a fun exercise together. The transporter-provides-a-means-to-take-children-to-school carrying-the-backpacks-in-the-passenger-area-one-way-then carry-empty-bikes-on-return-trip.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 10, which starts with "In accordance with" with the following amended paragraph:

In accordance with the present invention, the apparatus comprises a baby-jogging cart equipped with a special adapter which allows it to be used as a trailer behind a bicycle. With this combination, an adult can exercise with a child, while the child gains confidence and stamina with her own bicycle. Once the child becomes tired, she can rest in the jogging cart, or trailer, while the adult, using the present invention, continues his ride towing both her and her bicycle(s).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 15, which starts with "In use, one bicycle" with the following amended paragraph:

In use, one bicycle is towed with its front wheel turned and lifted and placed forward of the jogging cart's rear axle and aft of its vertical supports. ~~The~~ This front wheel then centers itself, due to its curvature, between the cart's trailer wheels by resting on ~~[[the]]~~ two frame members. In essence ~~this~~ the cart's frame ~~forms~~ defines a wheel carrier. ~~In-practice-a~~ A special wheel carrier bracket attachable to the rear of the cart ~~will-be~~

and necessary for towing even a single bike with many other trailer configurations necessary-for-many-trailer configurations-to-tow-even-a-single-bicycle is preferably adjustable in length to accommodate towed bicycles whose front wheels fall within a range of sizes. The handlebar of the towed bike is then strapped to the cart handle for vertical support and a second strap is used to hold ~~holds~~ its wheel next to the cart's rear axle.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 1, which starts with "For towing second" with the following amended paragraph:

For towing two ~~second~~ or more bicycles, the ~~[[a]]~~ special wheel carrier bracket is attached to the rear axle or back of the jogging cart. Means for temporarily securing the second bicycle to the rear of the cart includes ~~include~~ first and second straps, the wheel carrier bracket and ~~a-support~~ the cart's handle. The first strap confines the rim of the towed bike wheel within the wheel carrier bracket~~[[,]]~~; the second strap limits the movement of the bicycle handle bars relative to the handle of the jogging cart.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 18, which starts with "FIG. 1" with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 1 is a perspective overview of the bicycle transporter according to the present invention, in use towing two bicycles of different sizes;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 20, which starts with "FIGS. 2 and 3" with the following amended paragraph:

FIGS. 2 and 3 are side perspective and rearward perspective views, respectively, of the bicycle transporter according to FIG. 1, showing the smaller towed bicycle's wheel in the wheel carrier ~~and-handle-supporter~~ and fragmentary portions of a jogging cart and ~~[[a]]~~ the larger towed bicycle mounted thereon;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 2, which starts with "FIG. 4" with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 4 is a top perspective view of the bicycle transporter according to FIG. 1, showing ~~bicycles-handles-bars~~ bicycle handlebars being attached to the jogging cart handle and fragmentary portions of the jogging cart and two towed bicycles mounted thereon;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 12, which starts with "The mounting bracket assembly" with the following amended paragraph:

The mounting bracket assembly comprises two meshing flange plates 32, 33 which define central aperture 34 and end hole 36, respectively, and a hitch pin 44 (FIGS. 9, 10 and 11 ~~FIGS. 6, 7 and 8~~). The hitch pin 44 includes a bolt 35 which is held in place within an end aperture 40 defined by the longer flange plate 32 by a series of nuts and washers.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 4, which starts with "The bicycle wheel carrier" with the following amended paragraph:

The bicycle wheel carrier 54 ~~is comprised of~~ includes ~~a long~~ an elongated bracket 55 and a short bracket 56 and fasteners 57, 58 and 59, as shown disassembled ~~[[on]]~~ in FIG. 7. ~~and installed~~ Installed on the axle 7 and axle support 8 of the jogging cart 3, as shown ~~[[on]]~~ in FIG. 6, ~~[[.]]~~ the The transporter is now ready for receiving the towed bicycle 5.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 8, which starts with "The procedure for securing" with the following amended paragraph:

The procedure for securing the towed bicycles 4 and 5 to the rear of the jogging cart 3 is as follows: The front wheel 6 of the large bicycle 5 is turned approximately 90 degrees and placed in front of the cart's rear axle 7 (FIGS. 1, 2, 3). A quick opening strap 21 is then inserted through the spokes and secured around both the rim of the wheel 6 and the axle 7. Next the handle 50 of the jogging cart 3 is opened as shown in FIG. 5, and the handlebar stem of bicycle 5 is placed under the handle 50 as shown in FIG. 4, and the handle 50 is closed using fastener 52. ~~7-then~~ Then a band having quick opening and closure is wrapped around the handlebar stem which keeps the bicycle 5 in a vertically normally upright position. Next the smaller bicycle 4 has its front wheel 52 turned 90 degrees and placed in the bicycle wheel carrier 54. ~~and-strap~~ Strap 22 is used to fasten fastens the wheel 52 into the wheel carrier 54. A strap 53 is then fastened around the handlebar of the bicycle 4 and the ~~cart's~~ cart's handle 50. The two bikes are now disposed in generally vertical positions and are ready to be towed. The towed bicycles 4, 5 can be mounted on or removed from the transporter in an interval of less than one minute.

Please replace the abstract beginning at page 13, with the following amended paragraph: